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**APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVES HOMELAND
SECURITY FUNDING**

- Senator Craig Praises Efforts to Secure the Border -

WASHINGTON, DC – Idaho Senator Larry Craig, a member of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Homeland Security today praised the subcommittee's approval of the FY2009 Homeland Security appropriations bill, saying the funding is needed to protect the U.S.'s borders.

“This bill significantly advances the critical goal of securing our nation's borders. This money will provide us with 2,200 new border patrol agents – bringing the total number to 20,019 by the end of 2009. Two years ago, the U.S. had 12,319 agents patrolling our borders. Our borders are more secure today than they have been in the past, and we must continue supporting that effort.”

The bill will now be considered by the full Appropriations Committee, before it heads to the Senate floor.